



The Boulder County Voter

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Hello,

I hope you will join us for the Annual Meeting on May 6th at Nissi's in Lafayette. It promises to be an informative and fun meeting. More details are inside the Voter.

At the meeting, Justine Vigil Tapia will speak about the Latino History Project. Justine is the Boulder County Deputy Clerk and Elections Coordinator.

Her multi-cultural family and friends ARE Boulder County Latino History! Our second speaker will be Marjorie McIntosh, author of *Latinos of Boulder County, Colorado, Volumes I and II*, written for the Latino History Project. Marjorie is a C.U. Distinguished Professor of History Emerita. These speakers continue our commitment to reach out, listen and learn from under-represented voters in our county.

At the meeting, we'll have a great breakfast, get you up to date on what's going on with LWVBC, celebrate achievements, award honors to those who have worked especially hard on our League mission this year, give you a summer preview, and listen to your suggestions on League business! The cost is only \$25, so please sign-up.

In this Voter please review the Awards Criteria and make your nominations to Liz Black by April 15th. This year we'd like your suggestions on outstanding members, a valuable community partner and an elected official who has made our community a better place to live.



Ruth Stemler, President,
LWVBC

Look inside this newsletter for proposed by-laws changes, proposed 2017-18 budget, and the slate of officers from the nominating committee. The Board of Directors has recommended an increase ...

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Good News at Tax Time !

Your donations to LWVBC are tax deductible
as of the date of our application to the IRS for 501c3 status.

That means that your dues and contributions as of September 24, 2016,
can be deducted on your 2016 tax returns!



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President's Letter (continued)

... in dues of \$6 per year so that we can better fulfill our mission and make a bigger impact in our community. Feel free to contact me if you'd like to discuss anything you read in the Voter.

Finally, watch for an email from the new website that will invite you to log on! The site is nearly online and ready to go.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Ruth Stemler

Join us at the LWVCO Convention

May 20th and 21st in Fort Collins

LWVBC has an important role in this convention! **Please attend and observe!**

Contact Ruth Stemler if you'd like to attend, rjstemler@comcast.net. The registration fee is \$65.00 (cost of most meals is not included).

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From Our Events Calendar:

April, 2017

- Monday 3** **Drinks & Dialogue: Voter Suppression**
 Gondoler Italian Eatery
 5:30 PM
 Less Info
 Is voter suppression fact or fiction? Speaker is Wayne Williams, Colorado Secretary of State.
- Thursday 6** **Campaign Finance Reform Team Meeting**
 Contact the CFR team leader for information: CFR@lwvbc.org
 6:30 PM
 Less Info
 The CFR team meets the first Thursday of most months. Our agenda: LWVCO's Campaign to Make Democracy Work in Colorado.
- Sunday 9** **Social Policy Team Meeting**
 1:30 PM
 Less Info
 Update on the Living Wage / Self-Sufficiency campaign in Boulder County. Study of immigrant rights. Meeting previously scheduled for April 23rd.
- Tuesday 18** **More Choices For Voters, Part 3**
 Lafayette Public Library Lower Level Meeting Room
 6:00 PM
 Less Info
 What would Proportional Representation look like in Colorado? Americans are eager to learn about ballot options that would allow voters to express their true preferences more effectively. Speakers: Ron Forthofer, Harry Hempy, and Jesse Kumin.
- Thursday 20** **April Board Meeting**
 Contact President@LWVBC.org for details
 6:15 PM
 Less Info
 Members welcome. Contact President@lwvbc.org for information.

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- Thursday 4** **Campaign Finance Reform Team Meeting**
 Contact our CFR Team Leader at Teams@LWVBC.org for more information.
 6:15 PM
 Less Info
 Team meets the first Thursday of most months. Agenda: LWVCO's Campaign to Make Democracy Work in Colorado.
- Saturday 6** **Annual Meeting**
 Niss's in Lafayette
 9:00 AM
 Less Info
 Breakfast buffet, followed by speakers on Boulder County Latino History Project, and then to business meeting. Election of officers, approval of the budget, adoption of program, approval of bylaws changes, awards.
- Thursday 11** **"I Voted" Film Screening And Discussion**
 Elevations Credit Union
 6:00 PM
 Less Info
 "I Voted?" is a nonpartisan documentary which raises questions about our voting processes around the country. It premiered at the Tribeca film festival in 2016. FREE admission.
- Thursday 18** **LWVBC Board Meeting**
 Contact president
 6:15 PM
- Sunday 21** **Social Policy Team Meeting**
 Contact team leader
 1:30 PM

For details, see the [Events Calendar](#) on our new website.

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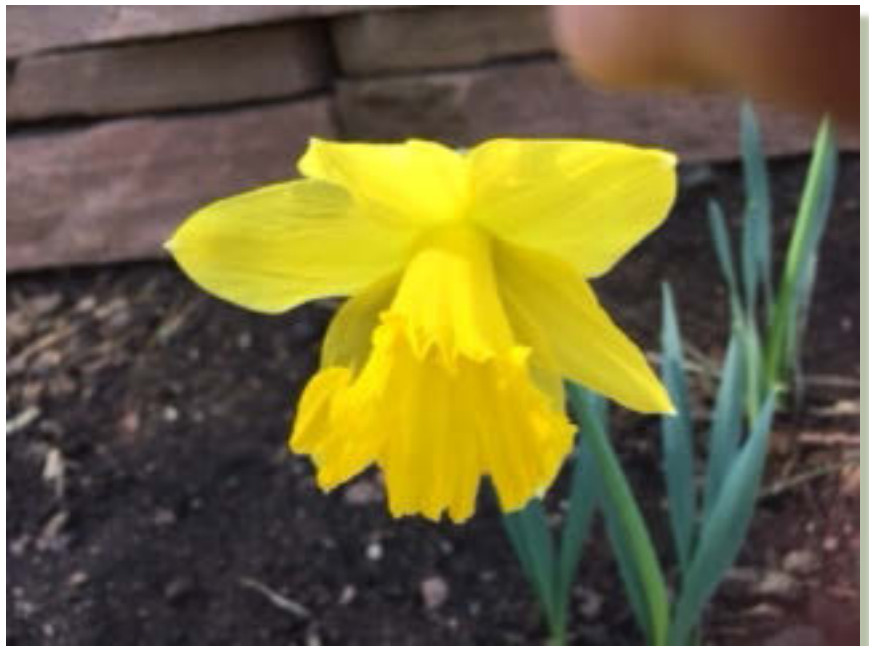
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IT IS BULB TIME AGAIN!

From Lois Linsky

Just a heads up that we WILL be selling bulbs again this year! It is such a wonderful fundraiser for our League. We will be working with the Denver League again—all we have to do is sell the bulbs and deliver them. The Denver League does all the sorting and packaging of the bulbs shipped from Holland. Last year we made over \$1000!

Packets with pictures of the bulbs and order forms will be available at our Annual Meeting Saturday, May 6th and at other League functions. The pictures and forms may also be available on our website. Right now, we don't have all the information.



Please consider helping us with this fundraiser this year. We'll have the packets as of April 2nd and will send out e-blasts as we receive more information.

Our deadline will be June 1st for the sales and we will receive the bulbs for planting in mid-October. I've already had my crocuses come up and now the daffodils are starting to bloom! And best of all the money we spend helps support the Boulder County League's events and projects!

Please call or email if you have any questions: LFLINSKY@hotmail.com, 303-499-2689

Grocery Cards – An Easy Way to Make Money for the League

Get Your Card



Buy a pre-loaded gift card for \$10. The card has a \$10 credit, and you pay \$10 for that card. Pay for your groceries and reload. Each time you reload the card, the League gets a rebate from the grocers.



Contact [Lois Linsky](#), [Louisa Young](#), or [Ruth Stemler](#)



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Annual Awards and Criteria

Please get your awards nominations to Liz Black no later than April 15, 2017.

Community Partner Award

- Describe the project completed with LWVBC
- Describe how this project resulted in one or more of the following outcomes: More educated citizens/informed voters, greater civic participation and/or better government/policies making peoples' lives better.

Elected Official Award

- Describe the project completed
- Describe how this project resulted in one or more of the following outcomes: More educated citizens/informed voters, greater civic participation and/or better government/policies making peoples' lives better.

Emerging LWVBC Leader

- Been a member of LWVBC less than 5 years
- Describe the innovative work/project and its impact on Boulder County and LWVBC
- Has the work increased the visibility of LWVBC?
- Has the work had an impact on the broader community of Boulder County? Has it included underrepresented communities?

LWVBC Board Member of the Year

- Describe the innovative work/project and its impact on Boulder County and LWVBC
- Has the individual demonstrated dedication to the position above and beyond what is described in the job description?
- Has the work increased the visibility of LWVBC?
- Has the work had an impact on the broader community of Boulder County? Has it included underrepresented communities?

LWVBC Member of the Year

- Describe the innovative work/project and its impact on Boulder County and LWVBC
- Does the work go above and beyond the usual membership?
- Has the work increased the visibility of LWVBC?
- Has the work had an impact on the broader community of Boulder County? Has it included underrepresented communities?

Issue Team Leader of the Year

- Describe the innovative work/project and its impact on Boulder County and LWVBC
- Has the individual taken action/advocacy on an Issue that has positively and visibly had an impact?
- Has the work increased the visibility of LWVBC?
- Has the work had an impact on the broader community of Boulder County? Has it included underrepresented communities?

Team Member of the Year

Note: This could be a member of an Administrative team or an Issue team.

- Describe the innovative work/project and its impact on Boulder County and LWVBC
- Has the work had an impact on the broader community of Boulder County? Has it included underrepresented communities?



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League Members in Action



Taking Action:

On to Concurrence with the Voting Methods Position!

After our recent consensus meetings, the LWVBC board approved a new voting methods position (see below). On March 16, the LWVCO board recommended the position for concurrence at the state convention in May!

The Voting Methods (VM) Team started work in 2012 and has been very active this year with consensus meetings, hosting live-streamed community conversations entitled More Choices for Voters and developing a 39-page study packet. To garner support for concurrence, the VM Team is sending information to all local Leagues. The information includes a link to a new Voting Methods 101 video covering the basics of voting methods and our new position. (To see the video, [click here to view Voting Methods 101.](#))

If delegates to the May 20-21 LWVCO convention vote to support concurrence, the League can advocate at state and local levels for better voting methods to more accurately represent voters' preferences.

You can help the VM Team by actively promoting concurrence. Reach out to people you know in other local Leagues, especially those who will be delegates to convention. For complete VM information, access the VM webpage: [Voting Methods Team.](#)

RATIONALE AND POSITION STATEMENT:

Because plurality voting (the voting method most commonly used in elections across the USA) often produces results that do not accurately represent the voters' preferences, and

Because the 2016 election has heightened interest in better voting methods locally, statewide and nationally in order to get results that more accurately represent the voters' preferences, and

Because, while acknowledging that there is no perfect method of voting, there is agreement among voting methods experts that there are alternative methods of voting (e.g., rank choice, approval, score) that, compared to plurality, more accurately represent the voters' preferences, improve the election experience, and encourage honest voting rather than tactical voting, and

Because improving the election experience can help the LWV reach its Making Democracy Work® goals of engaging more voters in the election process and increasing fairness in and accessibility to the democratic process, and

Because the LWV of Colorado and LWVUS do not have a position on voting methods, therefore

The LWV of Boulder County offers the following position statement for local league consideration and seeks their vote of concurrence at the 2017 May Convention of the League of Women Voters of Colorado:

The League supports authorizing and implementing alternatives to plurality voting that allow people to express their preferences more effectively. The League supports gaining on-the-ground experience with alternative voting methods in order to ascertain whether a voting method results in outcomes that match voters' preferences as recorded on their ballots. The League supports voting methods that can improve the election experience, that encourage honest voting rather than tactical voting, and that consider ease of implementation.

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On to Concurrence with the Voting Methods Position! (continued)

Considerations:

- Some voting methods are intended for single-winner elections, others for multi-winner elections. It is important that the intended use of a voting method match its actual application. Multi-winner voting methods can promote proportional representation which fosters diversity of our elected officials.
- Election officials should conduct post-election analysis to evaluate the voters' usage of the voting method and the election's reflection of voters' stated preferences. There should be sufficient data transparency – for example, access to ballot records in anonymous form – for an independent analysis to be conducted by other interested groups.



Taking Action: Talking about Money in Politics !

From Shirley Jin

Shirley Jin and Peggy Leech gave the KGNU League Update on 30 March 2017. They talked briefly about how money in politics is affecting our electoral system. They also told us about legislation introduced very recently in the Colorado Legislature.

Four bills were introduced in the Colorado legislature on March 15 to address some of the problems of big money in Colorado elections. People can contact their state legislators to urge passage of these bills. Legislators need to hear the people's voice loudly and clearly. More information on Money in Politics can be found on our web page: [Campaign Finance Reform Team](#).



The Campaign Finance Reform Team will give a presentation at the State League Convention in May. We will provide information on Money in Politics, including a short power point that local leagues can take to inform groups in their community. We will also be encouraging local leagues to learn about their local city and county campaign finance regulations to determine what changes are needed to keep outside money out of their elections.

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LWVBC Program Planning 2017

From Jeannette Hillary

There were 43 people at Program Planning. Two meetings were held.

Members did not ask for any positions to be removed or updated.

CONSENSUS: Members did agree to go to consensus on Voting Methods. Several years ago, a Team did a study on voting methods but had not gone to consensus. It was felt, given the present environment that the League should have a position on this. The team will quickly mobilize and get material updated t and have consensus in the spring of 2017.

LWVBC will present information on Voting Methods consensus to State League at convention requesting concurrence from other state leagues. There seems to be favorable opinion at the state level to pursue this information and consensus.

Other discussion topics were trying to give direction to the Schools team, particularly in regard to St Vrain for any topics of importance. Topics suggested were: migrant children, vocational education, and curriculum about government.



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Audit Report: FY 2015-2016

January, 2017

Re: AUDIT REPORT of the League of Women Voters of Boulder County ("LWVBC") for Fiscal Year ("FY") 2015-16

We, the Audit Committee, have reviewed:

1. The implementation of recommendations from the Audit Report of FY2014-15
2. The record keeping of LWVBC which includes revenue and expenditures, beginning and ending cash balances and the FY end bank statement/reconciliation
3. Changes in recording keeping for FY2016-17

We, the Audit Committee, find that the books are an accurate reflection of the financial condition of the LWVBC for the FY2015-16 and of its operations and cash flows for that fiscal year. Further, we commend the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for their commitment to accuracy, clarity, transparency, and compliance with recommended best League and general accounting practices.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Vink, LWVBC member
Jim Lovett

LWVBC Net Worth: February 2017

Net Worth end Feb 2017 - As of 2/28/2017

Account	2/28/2017 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
CD fall	3,003.30
CD spring	0.00
Convention fund	0.00
General Fund	15,317.02
Grant Fund	0.00
LWVCO Ed Fund	6,730.37
Scholarship Fund	0.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	25,050.69
TOTAL ASSETS	25,050.69
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	25,050.69



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Nominating Committee Report

Slate of nominees to be presented for election at the Annual Meeting, May 6, 2017

President	1-year term, 2017-18	Peggy Leech
1 st VP Voter Service	2-year term, 2017-19	Susan Saunders
Secretary	2-year term, 2017-19	Annie Lessem
Voter Editor Director	2-year term, 2017-19	Elizabeth Crowe
Fund Development Director	2-year term, 2017-19	Louisa Young
Action Director	2-year term, 2017-19	Mary Ann Wilner

According to the Bylaws, three Directors are elected each year for a two-year term. Each of the following nominations is for the 2nd year of a vacated 2016-18 Director position.

Membership Director	1-year position, 2017-18	Ruth Stemler
MLD Director	1-year position, 2017-18	Sarah Levison

Nominating Committee (Off-Board)

Chair	1-year term, 2017-18	Carolyn Elliott
Member	1-year term, 2017-18	Hugh Haskell
Member	1-year term, 2017-18	Marion Read

At its organizational meeting in the summer of 2017, the Board will appoint two of its members to also serve on the Nominating Committee

Continuing on Board by Virtue of Election at the 2016 Annual Meeting

2 nd VP Communications	2-year term, 2016-18	Rionda Osman
Treasurer	2-year term, 2016-18	Lurbin Moore
Youth Engagement and Events Director	2-year term, 2016-18	Shiquita Yarbrough

Report submitted by the 2016-17 Nominating Committee

- Chair – Frieda Holley
- Members – Catherine Felknor, Hugh Haskell, Peggy Leech, Sarah Levison
- Ex Officio – Liz Black



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2017-18 Proposed Budget & Dues

A responsible fiscal structure is a must for any organization worthy of the public's trust and the trust of its members. An accounting of the LWVBC's current budget and expenditure, as well as the proposed budget for 2017-2018 follows. In reviewing the 2016-2017 budget and expenditures, as well as the successes of our fledgling new events and the goals of our strategic planning, the Budget Committee (Lurbin Moore, Pat Long, Peggy Leech, Ruth Stemler, Susan Saunders) projected our best estimate for income and expenditures for this next year.

Our Fund Development officers have completed the conversion of the League's non-profit status to a 501 (c) 3, effective September 24, 2016. In light of this success, we are showing the budget and actual spending for 2016-2017 as combined totals from our General fund and our Ed Fund, which has been transferred from the LWVCO account to our bank. As you review the draft budget, be aware the combined Actual Expenditure column shows data through February 15, 2017, so there are 4 months of the year in which we will continue to incur expenses such as an intern, the state convention delegates, and several voter registration drives at area festivals and the Farmers Markets. We also expect to be raising additional funds with this year's bulb sales and other fundraising activities. This year we are not attempting to show a perfectly balanced budget – matching income with expense and noting potential reserves on the expense side. Our budget figures compared to actual income and expense will tell the story and excess revenue collected will appear in the assets table of our final fiscal year report, following the closing of the books on June 30.

The LWVBC Board voted to request a local dues increase, settling on \$66 per member, effective upon approval at the 2017 Annual Meeting. This increase is reflected in the estimated income and expense of the proposed budget. The proposed dues appear below. The national and state per member payments (PMP) increase gradually over the years, reducing the revenue available to LWVBC for its operating expense per person. The new rate was selected with the aim of restoring the revenue level for our local League. This will encourage education and advocacy activities in the community, using popular media options, convenient meeting venues, and other methods to ensure visibility and expand our viability as a force in active governance.

We have set some goals for expanding our revenue stream. In light of our 501 (c) 3 status and the current state of democracy in our country, we are confident contributors will be generous to the LWVBC. Also, we will be asking our members to demonstrate their support of the education and advocacy goals through their donations.

A budget is a guideline and unexpected expenditures may occur, but we are convinced the careful practices of all our LWVBC officers will maintain the trust of our members. The revenues have been conservatively estimated and the expenditures estimated liberally. In addition, the LWVBC has a current cash reserve equal to 80 % of the expense budgeted for this next year.

Proposed Increases to LWVBC Dues

Current:		Proposed:	
Individual basic	\$60	Individual basic	\$66
Student	\$30	Individual, sustaining	\$126(min)
Household, 2 members	\$90	Student	\$33
Household, sustaining	\$200	Household, 2 members	\$99
		Household, sustaining (min)	\$219



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LWVBC Proposed Budget 2017-2018

Category	TOTAL BUDGET 2016-2017	TOTAL ACTUALS As of Feb 15, 2017	PROPOSED BUDGET 2017-2018
INCOME	\$ 25,695	\$ 19,458	\$ 30,265
Contributions	\$ 5,250	\$ 4,086	\$ 4,750
Members	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,595	\$ 4,000
Non-members	\$ 750	\$ 491	\$ 750
Dues	\$ 8,790	\$ 10,103	\$ 11,000
Grants	\$ 3,250	\$ 2,075	\$ 4,000
Investment Income	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 15
Cert of Deposit Interest	\$ -	\$ 4	\$ 13
Bank Acc Interest	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ 2
Proceeds fm Activities	\$ 8,400	\$ 3,189	\$ 10,500
Bulb Sales	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Grocery Cards	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,013	\$ 4,000
Meetings	\$ 2,200	\$ 991	\$ 2,000
Duck Race	\$ -	\$ 185	\$ 1,000
Money Making Events	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 2,500

Category	TOTAL BUDGET 2016-2017	TOTAL ACTUALS As of Feb 15, 2017	PROPOSED BUDGET 2017-2018
EXPENSES	\$ 24,695	\$ 11,500	\$ 30,017
Activities	\$ 6,700	\$ 2,049	\$ 7,150
Advocacy Materials	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150
Education Costs	\$ 6,550	\$ 2,049	\$ 7,000
Events/Meetings	\$ 2,800	\$ 821	\$ 3,000
Filming	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Issue Teams	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Voters Services	\$ 2,050	\$ 1,228	\$ 2,000
Community Engagement	\$ 4,250	\$ 347	\$ 4,850
Affiliate Organizations	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300
Latino Engagement	\$ 160	\$ 150	\$ 1,000
Misc Strategic Plan	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200
Networking/Public Relations	\$ 840	\$ 22	\$ 600
Youth Engagement & Intern	\$ 2,750	\$ 175	\$ 2,750
Delegate Expenses	\$ 2,750	\$ -	\$ 4,800
National	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 4,000
State	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 500
Workshops	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 300
Operating Costs	\$ 1,565	\$ 922	\$ 2,292
Bank Checks and Charges	\$ 200	\$ 64	\$ 100
Liability Ins	\$ 500	\$ 558	\$ 600
Licenses and Taxes	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 20
PO Box Rent	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ 70
Supplies & Stationery	\$ 400	\$ 118	\$ 400
Telephone	\$ 102	\$ 102	\$ 102
Website Expenses	\$ 283	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Organizational Expenses	\$ 1,945	\$ 654	\$ 2,385
Annual Mtg Packets	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ 50
Technology Improvements	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 500
Finance - Fundraisers	\$ 930	\$ 116	\$ 500
Membership Team Expenses	\$ 630	\$ 538	\$ 1,250
President	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 50
Secretary	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 10
Treasurer	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ 25
PMP Assessments	\$ 7,225	\$ 7,321	\$ 8,190
National PMP	\$ 4,624	\$ 4,720	\$ 5,040
State PMP	\$ 2,601	\$ 2,601	\$ 3,150
Voter	\$ 260	\$ 207	\$ 350
Newsletter	\$ 260	\$ 207	\$ 350



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2017-18 Bylaws Change Proposals

The following proposed changes to three bylaws are presented to the membership in order to improve the description of the Treasurer’s position; to simplify the membership dues description; and to add flexibility in the selection of Board members for the future.

The Treasurer’s position has been modified to meet the best fiscal practice of separating the receipt and disbursement of funds between two individuals.

The dues description has been refined to allow individuals to join the league at any point in time and to renew that membership annually upon the individual’s enrollment date. Beginning with approval at the 2017 Annual Meeting, this eliminates the complexities of establishing a September 30 expiration date for members who join throughout the year. The new membership management software will facilitate the issuance of reminders when a member’s expiration date is approaching and will track lapses in membership.

The Nominating Committee will no longer have to determine who will perform the duties of the President in the event of her/his absence and the newly elected Board members will decide amongst themselves who will serve in that capacity. This provides flexibility to the Nominating Committee to fill whatever portfolios are vacant or scheduled for renewal, without also having to convince a person to accept the possible duties of President. A minimum number of Board members is set without confining them to specific titles or descriptions, which allows leadership by the LWVBC Board, to develop to fit the League’s needs.

LWVBC Bylaws: Article V Officers, Section 5 The Treasurer

Current:

Proposed:

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only under order of the Board.

The Treasurer serves on the Board and is responsible for all financial aspects of the organization by overseeing the financial administration, reviewing procedures and financial reporting, advising the Board on financial strategy and advising on fundraising. The Treasurer disburses according to Board policy or direct order of the Board.

The Assistant Treasurer is appointed by the Board and manages accounting procedures. The Assistant Treasurer collects and deposits all monies received and reviews all records with the Treasurer accomplishing tasks as assigned.

The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an Annual Report to the Annual Meeting. There shall be an audit or examination of the books of the Treasurer before the Annual Meeting and at such other times as requested by the Treasurer or the Board of Directors.

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2017-18 Bylaws Change Proposals (continued)

LWVBC Bylaws: Article VI Financial Administration, Section 2 Dues

Current:

Proposed:

a. Annual dues shall be payable on the last day of September. The amount payable shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and submitted to the Annual Meeting for adoption of changes. Any member who fails to pay dues within four months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls. During the period from the first day of February through the date of the Annual Meeting, any person who becomes an individual member or the first member in a household shall pay half the regular, basic dues, which payment shall provide membership until September 30 of the same calendar year. Any person who becomes a member during the period starting the day after the date of the Annual Meeting through September 29, shall pay at the regular, basic annual rate and shall receive membership that extends to September 30, of the following calendar year. If student memberships are offered at a reduced rate, no further reductions are provided to such members during the discount period. Members may pay in advance for additional years of membership, at the rates in effect at the time of payment.

b. When two or more members reside in the same household and only one copy of mailings is sent to that household, the first member shall pay the same dues rate that pertains to an individual membership, according to the provisions of Sub-section "a" above, and be eligible for the discounted rate between the first day of February and the date of the Annual Meeting. Additional members in a household shall pay dues at a reduced rate of 50 percent of the regular, individual rate, with no additional reduction in dues during the discount period.

a. Annual dues consist of three parts: the per member payment (PMP) collected and sent to the State League annually; the PMP collected and sent to the National League annually; and the payment collected by the LWVBC for the purpose of meeting its operating expenses and maintaining a reserve.

b. The dues shall be no less than the sum of the PMPs paid annually to the State and National Leagues, plus the amount deemed necessary for operations at the local level. The amount payable shall be recommended by the Board and submitted to the Annual Meeting for adoption of changes. Increases to one or both PMP levels may be added by action of the Board, to the annual dues rate agreed upon at the LWVBC Annual Meeting the same year the new PMP takes effect.

c. An eligible person becomes a member of the LWVBC upon payment of dues and remains a member for 12 months, setting an expiration date. No refunds are given if members chose to resign in advance of their membership expiration date. Members may pay in advance for additional years of membership. Renewal for 12 months requires payment of dues within 30 days following the expiration date. Failure to pay within one month of the expiration date shall cause the individual to be dropped from the membership rolls. The individual may be reinstated at any point when s/he has again paid in full. If the individual was dropped from membership more than six months prior to the payment resulting in reinstatement, the expiration date shall be reset to the one-year anniversary of that payment.



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LWVBC Bylaws: Article VI Financial Administration, Section 2 Dues (continued)

Proposed:

	<p>d. Members are those for whom regular dues are paid in full. Student member dues equal one half the regular member's rate. Household member dues are one half the regular member's rate and this applies to the first and each subsequent individual who shares an address with the primary member. Sustaining members are those who make monthly payments of at least \$5/month above the individual rate. The sustaining contribution may be paid monthly or in a single lump sum of at least \$60 per individual (\$120 for a sustaining household). Life members are those with more than 50 years of membership and are not charged dues. Complimentary members are those excused from paying dues by action of the board. Eligible members may opt for a different category of membership when they renew.</p>
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LWVBC Bylaws: Article IV Board of Directors, Section 1 Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office

Current:

Proposed:

<p>The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, six elected Directors, and not more than six appointed Directors. Three of the Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting</p>	<p>The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League elected by the general membership, at least six elected Directors, and not more than six appointed Directors. At least three of the Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.</p>
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The Boulder County Voter

1 April 2017

May 2017 Annual Meeting Documents

2017-18 Bylaws Change Proposals

LWVBC Bylaws: Article V Officers, Section 1 Enumeration and Election of Officers

Current:

Proposed:

<p>The Officers of the LWVBC shall be a President or Co-Presidents, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President or Co-Presidents shall be elected for a term of one year by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office on the first day of July following the election. All other Officers shall be elected for a term of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office on the first day of July following their election. The First Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years; the Second Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years.</p>	<p>The Officers of the LWVBC shall be a President or Co-Presidents, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President or Co-Presidents shall be elected for a term of one year by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office on the first day of July following the election. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office on the first day of July following their election. The Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years; the Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years. The First Vice President and the Second Vice-President shall be chosen by the Board from the ranks of Directors to serve until the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting. Serving as a Vice President does not change the length of a Director's term on the Board.</p>
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Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 6, 2017

9:00 – 11:30 am

Nissi's

2675 North Park Drive, Lafayette

(near 95th & Arapahoe)

Please plan to attend the LWVBC Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 6. We will begin the day with a breakfast buffet (cost: \$25/person), followed by our program.

Our two speakers will talk about the Boulder County Latino History Project: the project itself and the ongoing educational efforts that have followed. Justine Vigil-Tapia was a member of the Boulder County Latino History Project Advisory Committee. Marjorie McIntosh wrote the two books that describe what the project learned: *Latinos of Boulder County, Colorado, 1900-1980*.

And, of course, we will attend to business, which includes election of officers, approval of the budget, approval of bylaws changes, and adoption of the 2017-2018 program.

New this year: a “photo booth”. We will take photos of our members, for the new membership directory, which is a part of our new Club Express membership management software.

Make your reservation now for our annual meeting. Mail the registration form below (also available on-line at [Mail-In Registration Form](#)), to be received by Tuesday, May 2, 2017. You can register online by clicking on the [Events Calendar](#).

Registration Form

League of Women Voters of Boulder County

Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9:00 – 11:30 am

Where: Nissi's in Lafayette

Cost: \$25.00

Deadline: **Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

Please mail this form and check payable to LWVBC to: LWVBC, P.O. Box 21274, Boulder, CO 80308.

Number of persons ____ X \$25.00 = \$____

Name (please print) _____

Name (please print) _____

April 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
13	26	27	28	29	30	1
14	2	(3)	4	5	(6)	8
15	(9)	10	11	12	13	15
16	16	17	(18)	19	(20)	22
17	23	24	25	26	27	29
18	30	1	2	3	4	6

May 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
18	30	1	2	3	(4)	5
19	7	8	9	10	(11)	13
20	14	15	16	17	(18)	20
21	(21)	22	23	24	25	27
22	28	29	30	31	1	2
23	4	5	6	7	8	10

LWVBC Calendar

April, 2017

3 **Thurs**
Online & Dialogue: Voter Suppression
 Discussion: Robert Calkins
 9:30 PM
[Less Info](#)

6 **Thurs**
Campaign Finance Reform Team Meeting
 Contact: Pat Calkins for information: CPK@lwvbc.org
 6:30 PM
[Less Info](#)

9 **Thurs**
Social Policy Team Meeting
 Less Info

18 **Thurs**
More Choices For Voters, Part 2
 Calligraphy: Phyllis Librey (Event) Social Media: Shari
 6:30 PM
[Less Info](#)

20 **Thurs**
April Board Meeting
 Contact: President@lwvbc.org for details
 9:15 PM
[Less Info](#)

May, 2017

4 **Thurs**
Campaign Finance Reform Team Meeting
 Contact: Pat Calkins Team Leader at Teams@lwvbc.org for more
 information
 6:30 PM
[Less Info](#)

6 **Thurs**
Annual Meeting
 Henry G. Liberman
 8:00 AM
[Less Info](#)

11 **Thurs**
"I Voted" Film Screening And Discussion
 Debra Ann Calkins
 6:30 PM
[Less Info](#)

18 **Thurs**
LWVBC Board Meeting
 Contact: President
 9:15 PM
[Less Info](#)

21 **Thurs**
Social Policy Team Meeting
 Contact: Team Leader
 9:30 PM
[Less Info](#)

For details, see the [Events Calendar](#) on our new website.

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